GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VACANCIES IN INDIAN MISSIONS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Indian Missions abroad are without regular heads ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) since when these vacancies are existing ; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)
(a) & (b) No. There are six Indian Missions abroad where there are no Heads of Missions in position at present. These Indian Missions are in Sudan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Indonesia and Suriname.
(c) The post of Head of Indian Mission in Sudan is vacant since 17th December 2001, Pakistan since 25th December 2001, Republic of Korea since 8th August 2002, Mongolia since 16th October 2002, Indonesia since 30th October 2002 and Suriname since 08th November 2002
(d) New Heads of Mission for Sudan, Republic of Korea and Indonesia have already been nominated and will be moving very shortly after completion of certain mandatory formalities. Necessary action is in hand regarding the appointment of Heads of Missions in Mongolia and Suriname. Government had withdrawn the High Commissioner from Pakistan following the December 13 attack on our Parliament and the absence of any effective steps taken by the Government of Pakistan to put an end to cross border infiltration and terrorism.